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SUBJECT: SOVIET-WEST BERLIN RELATIONS: ABRASIMOV CONCILIATORY

TOWARD NEW GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE; STOBBE ON SOVIET UNION

AND GDR

1. IN SPEECH BEFORE PRESIDUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
EAST GERMAN CDU PARTY REPORTED IN MAY 9 EAST GERMAN  
NEWSPAPER NEUE ZEIT, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GDR ABRASIMOV  
NOTED A CHANGE OF CAPTAINS AT THE HELM OF THE WEST BERLIN  
SENAT, "WHICH HAS BY NO MEANS ALWAYS TURNED ITS SAIL IN  
THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE WIND OF DETENTE IS BLOWING".  
THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, ABRASIMOV ADDED, WAS " A MATTER  
FOR WEST BERLINERS", BUT WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE "NEW  
MAN" IS NOT SO MUCH FREIGHTED BY THE CARGO OF THE PAST,  
AND IF HE DEMONSTRATES A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS TO THE SOCIALIST CAMP, HE  
WILL DOUBTLESS FIND FULL UNDERSTANDING FROM THE SOVIET  
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SIDE AS WELL AS - ABRASIMOV SUPPOSED - FROM THE GDR.

2. ABRASIMOV STATED SOVIET UNION HAD MANY TIMES CONFIRMED  
ITS UNCHANGED EFFORT TO DEVELOP GOOD-NEIGHBORLY, NORMAL  
RELATIONS WITH WEST BERLIN AND TO DO EVERYTHING  
NECESSARY TO REMOVE WEST BERLIN AS A  
SOURCE OF STRIFE AND TENSION AND MAKE IT A CONSTRUCTIVE

FACTOR IN DETENTE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME " NOT TO ACQUIESCE IN THE ATTEMPTS ( ESPECIALLY FROM FRG) TO UNDER-MINE THE SPECIAL STATUS OF THE CITY AND THE FUNDAMENTAL LEADING PRINCIPLE OF THE QA; THAT WEST BERLIN DOES NOT BELONG TO THE FRG AND MAY NOT BE RULED BY IT." GDR AND SOVIET UNION WOULD THWART ATTEMPTS TO USE WEST BERLIN FOR GOALS WITH INTENTIONS HOSTILE TO THE GDR AND THE OTHER " SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S POLICY AND ALL ACTIONS IN WEST BERLIN MATTERS ARE EXECUTED IN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION AND FULL AGREEMENT WITH " OUR GERMAN FRIENDS", AND CHARACTERIZED SOVIET-FRG/WEST BERLIN RELATIONS OVERALL AS " STEADY NORMAL DEVELOPMENT."

3. BERLINER MORGENPOST MAY 10 QUOTES REMARKS STOBBE MADE APRIL 18 IN CONVERSATION WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CHARLOTTENBURG(WEST BERLIN) HIGH SCHOOL. AT THAT TIME STOBBE ALLEDGEDLY PRONOUNCED HIMSELF FOR THE "CLOSEST POSSIBLE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FRG AND SOVIET UNION". ON RECENT ACTIONS OF GDR, HE SAID "NOTHING IS WORSE IN INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OR INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS THAN TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT "WE WILL SHOW THEM"; ONE MUST THINK AND GAIN OVER THE LONG TERM. STOBBE THOUGHT THAT SOVIET UNION COULD BE USED INDIRECTLY TO INFLUENCE THE GDR NOT TO PUT INTO PRACTICE CERTAIN OF ITS POINTS DERIVING FROM GDR " SOVEREIGNTY-SYNDROME". HE ADMITTED ONE COULD FORCE THE GDR TO ITS KNEES BY ECONOMIC MEASURES, BUT SAID THE QUESTION IS RATHER:DOES ONE WANT TO? IN THE GDR AND EASTERN EUROPE THE "IRON PRIMACY OF POLTIICS", AND NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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